

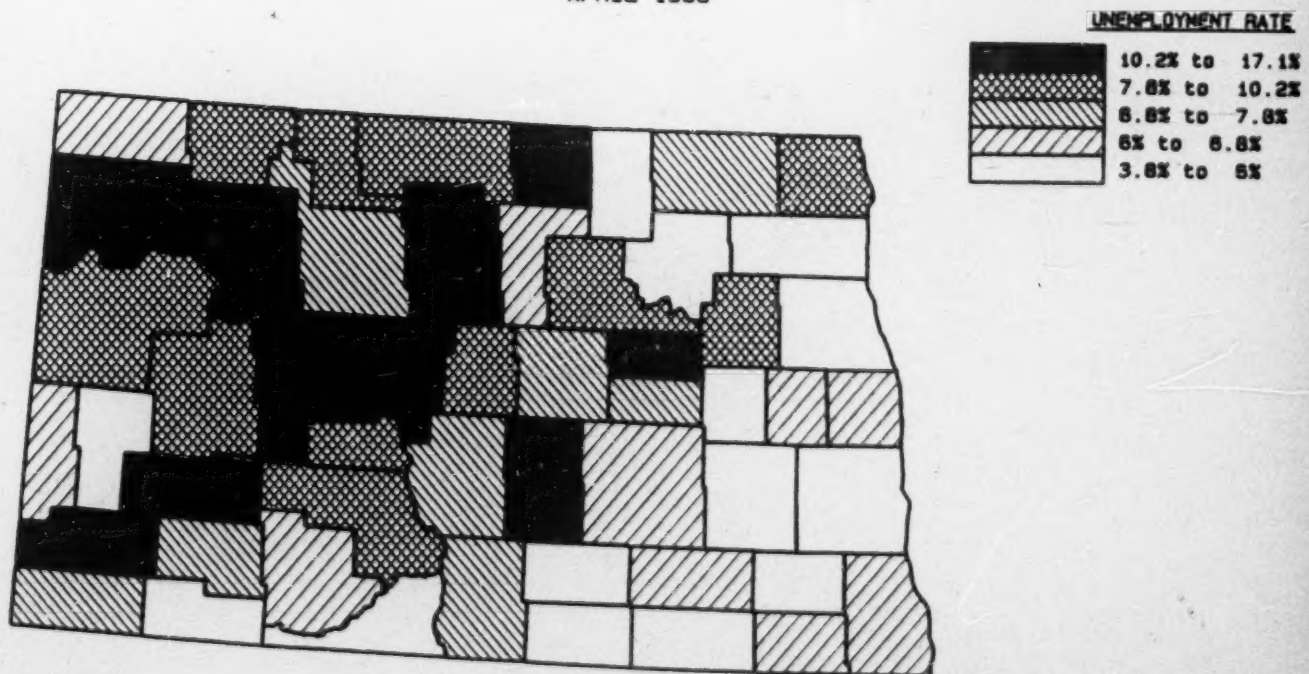
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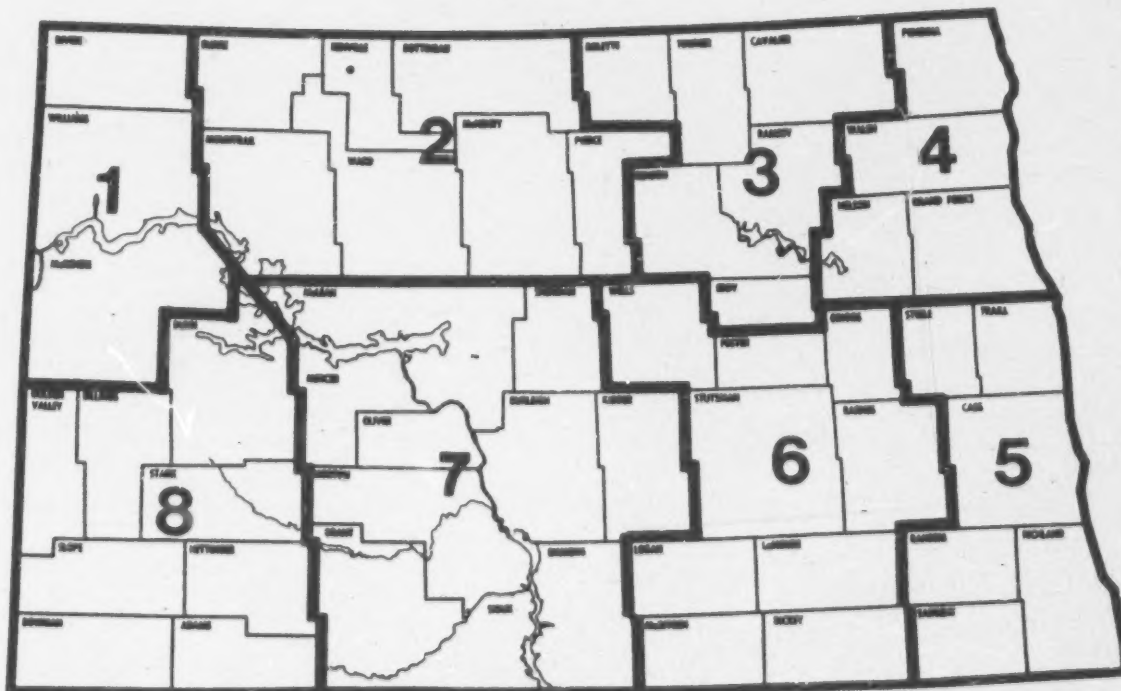
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WILLISTON OCCUPATIONAL WAGES COMPARED: 1984-1986

In light of the recent downturn in the oil industry in the Williston Basin, we felt that a comparison of our recent wage and benefit survey in Williston, with the one conducted in 1984, would be appropriate.

On April 27, 1984, approximately 300 Williston employers were mailed survey forms. Completed surveys were received from 163. Of the 165 occupations included in the survey, 89 had sufficient responses for publication. On March 17, the 1986 survey forms were mailed to 292 employers, of which 227 were completed and returned. Approximately 172 occupations were included in the survey, with 100 having sufficient responses for publication. Between the two surveys, 73 occupations were directly comparable. Of these, 27 (37.0%) had hourly wages that decreased, while 45 (61.6%) had wage increases. One occupation remained the same.

In order to simplify comparisons, only average wages were used. Also, the number of occupations analyzed was reduced to the 20 largest in 1984. Based on the chart that follows, note that 7 occupations had wage decreases, while 13 had increases. The average decrease was 62 cents an hour (8.8%), and the average increase was 76 cents an hour (10.8%). Only 3 of the 20 occupations were considered "Professional, Technical, and Managerial." Of these, 2 had wage increases and 1 a decrease. Of the 17 nonprofessional occupations, 6 had wage decreases while 11 had increases.

A generalization interpreted from the chart is that wages have increased in the clerical and operative occupations and decreased in the sales and services occupations.

A number of factors can be brought out explaining why some of the wages have changed as they have, but no proof exists that any one is the most important.

The decline of the oil industry has caused an outmigration which has caused many higher paid persons to leave the Williston area. With less competition from the relatively high-paying oil industry, many firms have access to a cheaper supply of labor. The loss of oil field jobs, usually held by men, has caused many females to seek lower paying jobs in the sales and services sector in order to increase family income.

With the decrease in employment, many businesses reduce their lowest skilled jobs first, or use the principle "last hired, first laid off."

Sampling error is also a factor. In 1984, about 480 firms with employment of 9,000 were available to sample, while in 1986 only 430 firms with 8,500 employees were available. Because the universe is small and different firms

could have been chosen, results can vary. An example of this is that 14 occupations available for publications in 1984 did not have enough responses for publication in 1986.

The data used in this article was obtained from surveys conducted in 1984 and 1986. The complete results are available in the publications, Williston Wage and Benefit Survey, 1984 and Williston Wage and Benefit Survey, 1986. Copies of these publications, or similar publications for other North Dakota cities, can be obtained by contacting the Williston Job Service office (701-572-7771) or by writing or calling the following:

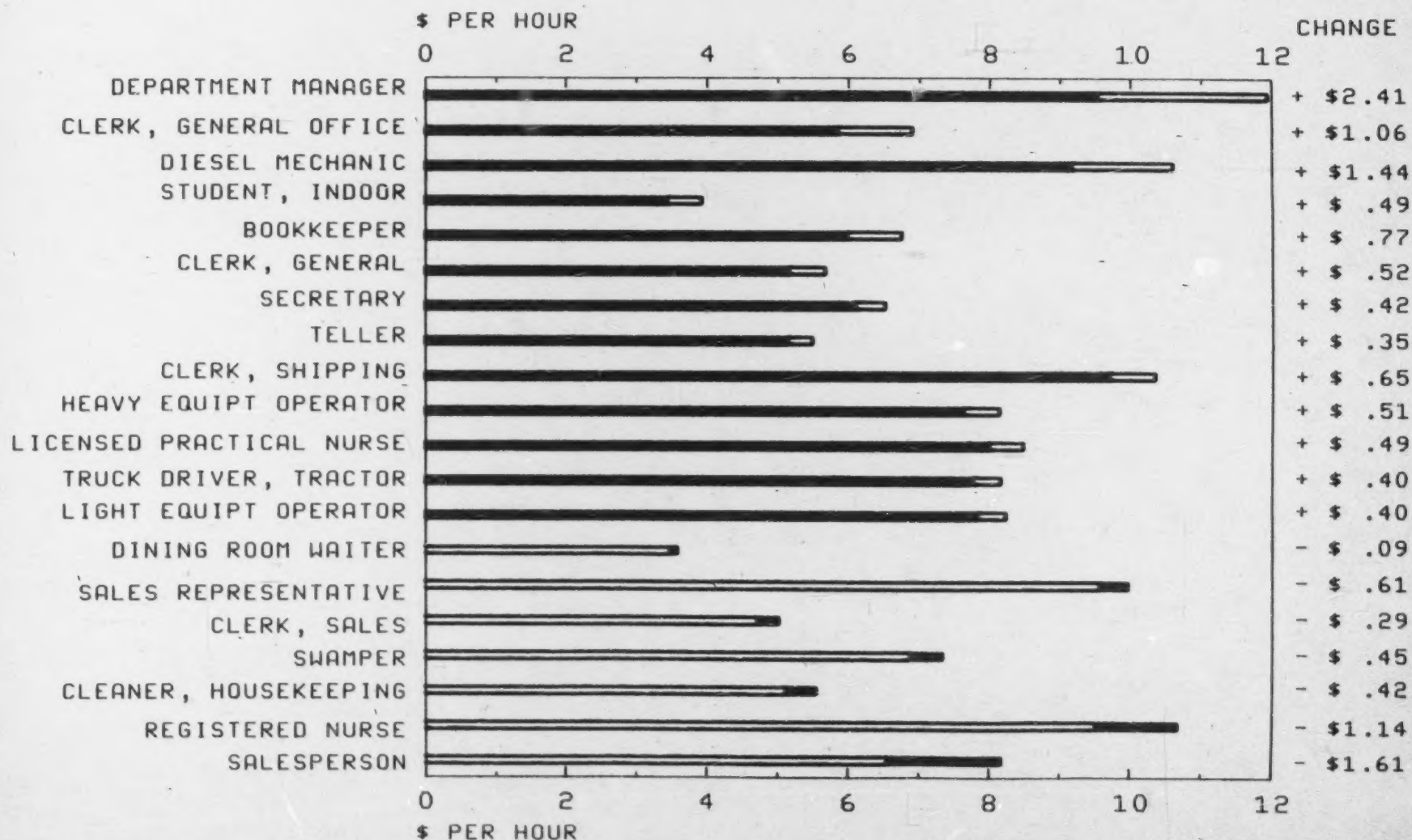
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OCCUPATIONAL WAGE SUMMARY

<u>Occupation</u>		<u>Average Wage 1984</u>	<u>Average Wage 1986</u>	<u>% of Decrease or Increase</u>
1. Department Manager	P	\$ 9.53	\$11.94	+25.3
2. Clerk, General Office		5.84	6.90	+18.2
3. Diesel Mechanic		9.16	10.60	+15.7
4. Student, Indoor		3.43	3.92	+14.3
5. Bookkeeper		5.98	6.75	+12.9
6. Clerk, General		5.15	5.67	+10.1
7. Secretary		6.10	6.52	+ 6.9
8. Teller		5.14	5.49	+ 6.8
9. Shipping and Receiving Clerk		9.71	10.36	+ 6.7
10. Heavy Equipment Operator		7.63	8.14	+ 6.7
11. Licensed Practical Nurse	P	7.99	8.48	+ 6.1
12. Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver		7.76	8.16	+ 5.2
13. Light Equipment Operator		7.84	8.24	+ 5.1
14. Waiter/Waitress, Dining Room		3.58	3.49	- 2.5
15. Sales Representative		9.98	9.59	- 3.9
16. Sales Clerk		5.02	4.73	- 5.8
17. Swamper (Truck Driver Helper)		7.34	6.89	- 6.1
18. Cleaner, Housekeeping		5.55	5.13	- 7.6
19. Registered Nurse	P	10.67	9.53	-10.7
20. Salesperson		8.17	6.56	-19.7

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CHANGE IN AVERAGE WAGES FROM 1984 TO 1986 OF SELECTED OCCUPATIONS - WILLISTON



**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
TOTAL	247,450	244,710	249,170	1.1	-0.7
MINING	4,900	5,120	6,590	-4.3	-25.6
Coal	1,230	1,230	1,390	0.0	-11.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,360	3,680	4,900	-8.7	-31.4
Other Mining	310	210	300	47.6	3.3
CONSTRUCTION	8,710	7,700	9,880	13.1	-11.8
Building Construction	2,440	2,290	2,650	6.6	-7.9
Street, Highway & Heavy	2,160	1,540	2,490	40.3	-13.3
Special Trade Construction	4,110	3,870	4,740	6.2	-13.3
MANUFACTURING	15,180	15,090	15,010	0.6	1.1
Durable Goods	6,210	5,980	6,290	3.8	-1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass	660	450	630	46.7	4.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	620	590	650	5.1	-4.6
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,790	3,840	4,030	-1.3	-6.0
Other Durable Goods	1,140	1,100	980	3.6	16.3
Nondurable Goods	8,970	9,110	8,720	-1.5	2.9
Food & Kindred Products	4,400	4,570	4,250	-3.7	3.5
Dairy Products	860	870	900	-1.1	-4.4
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,540	1,680	1,400	-8.3	10.0
Bakery Products	400	400	440	0.0	-9.1
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,620	1,510	-1.2	6.0
Printing & Publishing	2,430	2,420	2,390	0.4	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,140	2,120	2,080	0.9	2.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,620	15,570	16,310	0.3	-4.2
Transportation	7,480	7,350	7,740	1.8	-3.4
Trucking & Warehousing	4,040	3,950	4,070	2.3	-0.7
Other Transportation	3,440	3,400	3,670	1.2	-6.3
Communications	3,300	3,320	3,400	-0.6	-2.9
Public Utilities	4,840	4,900	5,170	-1.2	-6.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,520	19,160	20,100	1.9	-2.9
Durable Goods	9,370	9,300	9,860	0.8	-5.0
Nondurable Goods	10,150	9,860	10,240	2.9	-0.9
RETAIL TRADE	47,410	46,560	47,170	1.8	0.5
General Merchandise	5,820	5,790	5,720	0.5	1.7
Food Stores	6,550	6,560	6,340	-0.2	3.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,790	6,700	6,810	1.3	-0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,740	2,780	0.7	-0.7
Other Retail	25,490	24,770	25,520	2.9	-0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,490	12,380	12,400	0.9	0.7
Finance	6,860	6,830	6,790	0.4	1.0
Banking	4,270	4,300	4,310	-0.7	-0.9
Other Finance	2,590	2,530	2,480	2.4	4.4
Insurance	3,770	3,750	3,750	0.5	0.5
Real Estate	1,860	1,800	1,860	3.3	0.0
SERVICES	59,150	58,550	57,710	1.0	2.5
Lodging	4,190	4,170	4,210	0.5	-0.5
Nursing & Personal Care	6,260	6,240	6,180	0.3	1.3
Hospitals	12,340	12,310	12,480	0.2	-1.1
Other Medical	6,510	6,490	6,190	0.3	5.2
Other Services	29,850	29,340	28,650	1.7	4.2
GOVERNMENT	64,470	64,580	64,000	-0.2	0.7
Federal	9,440	9,440	9,320	0.0	1.3
State Government	19,540	19,720	19,540	-0.9	0.0
Educational Services	12,720	13,020	12,600	-2.3	1.0
Other State Government	6,820	6,700	6,940	1.8	-1.7
Local Government	35,490	35,420	35,140	0.2	1.0
Educational Services	18,220	18,280	17,780	-0.3	2.5
Other Local Government	17,270	17,140	17,360	0.8	-0.5

**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

TOTAL	67,220	66,290	66,090	1.4	1.7
Mining & Construction	2,440	2,320	2,630	5.2	-7.2
Manufacturing	4,700	4,570	4,640	2.8	1.3
Durable Goods	1,930	1,870	2,050	3.2	-5.9
Nondurable Goods	2,770	2,700	2,590	2.6	6.9
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,800	3,780	3,870	0.5	-1.8
Trade	20,390	19,940	19,800	2.3	3.0
Wholesale Trade	6,740	6,590	6,680	2.3	0.9
Retail Trade	13,650	13,350	13,120	2.2	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,360	4,340	4,220	0.5	3.3
Services	18,060	17,750	17,260	1.7	4.6
Government	13,470	13,590	13,670	-0.9	-1.5
Federal	2,130	2,120	2,060	0.5	3.4
State & Local	11,340	11,470	11,610	-1.1	-2.3

GRAND FORKS MSA

TOTAL	28,670	28,450	27,930	0.8	2.6
Mining & Construction	1,300	1,180	1,050	10.2	23.8
Manufacturing	1,620	1,590	1,380	1.9	17.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,410	1,400	1,470	0.7	-4.1
Trade	7,970	7,860	8,060	1.4	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,350	1,380	0.7	-1.4
Retail Trade	6,610	6,510	6,680	1.5	-1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,070	1,050	1,070	1.9	0.0
Services	6,220	6,120	6,080	1.6	2.3
Government	9,080	9,250	8,820	-1.8	2.9

BISMARCK MSA

TOTAL	35,640	35,120	35,820	1.5	-0.5
Mining	190	180	200	5.6	-5.0
Construction	1,270	1,070	1,480	18.7	-14.2
Manufacturing	1,880	1,840	1,940	2.2	-3.1
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,690	2,670	2,900	0.7	-7.2
Trade	9,580	9,450	9,360	1.4	2.4
Wholesale	2,350	2,320	2,450	1.3	-4.1
Retail	7,230	7,130	6,910	1.4	4.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,700	1,680	0.0	1.2
Services	10,200	10,120	9,970	0.8	2.3
Government	8,130	8,090	8,290	0.5	-1.9

**U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent	
					Change Mar. 1986	From Apr. 1985
All Items	322.2	325.3	326.0	320.1	-0.2	1.6
Food & Beverage	302.0	308.5	307.8	301.6	0.2	2.3
Housing	349.9	358.0	357.0	345.9	0.3	3.5
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	207.3	206.3	205.9	0.5	0.7
Transportation	319.9	303.3	309.6	320.0	-2.0	-5.2
Medical Care	403.1	428.0	425.8	398.0	0.5	7.5
Entertainment	265.0	272.3	271.9	263.3	0.1	3.4

**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent	
					Change Mar. 1986	From Apr. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	297.9	300.3	309.3	-0.8	-3.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	246.1	247.0	253.1	-0.4	-2.8
Industrial Commodities	323.9	311.3	314.0	323.8	-0.9	-3.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	392.85	394.79	380.15	40.5	40.7	40.1	9.70	9.70	9.48
Durable Goods	423.54	426.01	410.23	41.2	41.4	40.9	10.28	10.29	10.03
Nondurable Goods	349.97	351.35	337.26	39.5	39.7	38.9	8.86	8.85	8.67
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	300.94	303.43	311.98	36.7	37.6	38.9	8.20	8.07	8.02
Durable Goods	329.87	328.32	342.23	38.9	38.9	40.5	8.48	8.44	8.45
Nondurable Goods	280.90	287.78	289.91	35.2	36.8	37.7	7.98	7.82	7.69
Food & Kindred	285.60	298.45	306.50	35.0	37.4	39.6	8.16	7.98	7.74
Printing & Publishing	262.28	273.73	258.24	31.6	32.9	32.0	8.30	8.32	8.07
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	302.48	310.79	306.82	36.4	37.4	37.1	8.31	8.31	8.27
Durable Goods	310.42	308.83	308.83	37.4	37.8	38.7	8.30	8.17	7.98
Nondurable Goods	297.50	312.48	305.15	35.8	37.2	35.9	8.31	8.40	8.50

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Divide	1,621	1,520	1,629	1,521	1,412	1,550	100	108	79	6.2	7.1	4.8
McKenzie	3,856	3,751	3,819	3,505	3,418	3,619	351	333	200	9.1	8.9	5.2
Williams	14,260	13,939	14,115	12,383	12,215	13,127	1,877	1,724	988	13.2	12.4	7.0
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,737	19,210	19,563	17,409	17,045	18,296	2,328	2,165	1,267	11.8	11.3	6.5
Bottineau	3,895	3,782	3,946	3,538	3,409	3,596	357	373	350	9.2	9.9	8.9
Burke	1,607	1,552	1,609	1,453	1,384	1,466	154	168	143	9.6	10.8	8.9
McHenry	3,294	3,182	3,230	2,730	2,516	2,715	564	666	515	17.1	20.9	15.9
Mountrail	3,624	3,405	3,436	3,222	3,016	3,146	402	389	290	11.1	11.4	8.4
Pierce	2,753	2,700	2,753	2,565	2,491	2,559	188	209	194	6.8	7.7	7.0
Renville	1,493	1,397	1,439	1,344	1,245	1,332	149	152	107	10.0	10.9	7.4
Ward	26,164	25,705	25,711	24,137	23,512	23,634	2,027	2,193	2,077	7.7	8.5	8.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,830	41,723	42,124	38,989	37,573	38,448	3,841	4,150	3,676	9.0	9.9	8.7
Benson	3,424	3,295	3,464	3,148	2,984	3,079	276	311	385	8.1	9.4	11.1
Cavalier	2,873	2,649	2,932	2,648	2,433	2,657	225	216	275	7.8	8.2	9.4
Eddy	1,611	1,563	1,677	1,418	1,313	1,454	193	250	223	12.0	16.0	13.3
Ramsey	6,711	6,517	6,599	6,323	6,030	6,117	388	487	482	5.8	7.5	7.3
Rolette	5,594	5,482	5,169	4,828	4,736	4,427	766	746	742	13.7	13.6	14.4
Towner	1,966	1,896	1,866	1,848	1,767	1,783	118	129	83	6.0	6.8	4.4
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,179	21,402	21,707	20,213	19,263	19,517	1,966	2,139	2,190	8.9	10.0	10.1
Grand Forks	36,144	35,687	34,272	34,590	33,976	32,741	1,554	1,711	1,531	4.3	4.8	4.5
Nelson	2,229	2,188	2,242	2,053	1,922	2,034	176	266	208	7.9	12.2	9.3
Pembina	5,912	5,667	5,430	5,314	4,979	4,945	598	688	485	10.1	12.1	8.9
Walsh	8,311	8,064	8,059	7,813	7,461	7,557	498	603	502	6.0	7.5	6.2
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,596	51,606	50,003	49,770	48,338	47,277	2,826	3,268	2,726	5.4	6.3	5.5
Cass	56,561	55,295	53,942	54,052	52,681	51,708	2,509	2,614	2,234	4.4	4.7	4.1
Ransom	2,892	2,716	2,756	2,745	2,606	2,609	147	110	147	5.1	4.1	5.3
Richland	8,476	8,188	8,580	7,943	7,651	8,020	533	537	560	6.3	6.6	6.5
Sargent	2,674	2,554	2,609	2,512	2,387	2,461	162	167	148	6.1	6.5	5.7
Steele	1,320	1,227	1,323	1,232	1,119	1,247	88	108	76	6.7	8.8	5.7
Traill	4,657	4,454	4,505	4,372	4,129	4,245	285	325	260	6.1	7.3	5.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	76,580	74,434	73,715	72,856	70,573	70,290	3,724	3,861	3,425	4.9	5.2	4.6

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Barnes	6,304	6,235	6,272	5,925	5,755	5,781	379	480	491	6.0	7.7	7.8
Dickey	3,516	3,327	3,481	3,381	3,143	3,315	135	184	166	3.8	5.5	4.8
Foster	2,363	2,239	2,349	2,183	2,055	2,201	180	184	148	7.6	8.2	6.3
Griggs	1,664	1,567	1,657	1,564	1,444	1,546	100	123	111	6.0	7.8	6.7
La Moure	2,661	2,474	2,683	2,484	2,306	2,513	177	168	170	6.7	6.8	6.3
Logan	1,611	1,541	1,588	1,549	1,417	1,510	62	124	78	3.8	8.0	4.9
McIntosh	2,433	2,316	2,361	2,326	2,205	2,291	107	111	70	4.4	4.8	3.0
Stutsman	13,055	12,781	12,685	12,254	11,846	11,854	801	935	831	6.1	7.3	6.6
Wells	3,149	2,998	3,218	2,903	2,684	2,908	246	314	310	7.8	10.5	9.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	36,756	35,478	36,294	34,569	32,855	33,919	2,187	2,623	2,375	6.0	7.4	6.5
Burleigh	31,671	31,283	30,979	29,296	28,600	28,624	2,375	2,683	2,355	7.5	8.6	7.6
Emmons	2,528	2,341	2,451	2,344	2,130	2,267	184	211	184	7.3	9.0	7.5
Grant	2,203	2,029	2,138	2,053	1,869	2,026	150	160	112	6.8	7.9	5.2
Kidder	1,817	1,703	1,750	1,589	1,471	1,552	228	232	198	12.5	13.6	11.3
McLean	5,058	4,869	5,122	4,511	4,241	4,570	547	628	552	10.8	12.9	10.8
Mercer	6,565	6,493	7,384	5,766	5,668	6,653	799	825	731	12.2	12.7	9.9
Morton	14,425	14,166	13,989	13,163	12,851	12,861	1,262	1,315	1,128	8.7	9.3	8.1
Oliver	1,359	1,237	1,140	1,246	1,122	1,041	113	115	99	8.3	9.3	8.7
Sheridan	1,389	1,255	1,307	1,278	1,144	1,212	111	111	95	8.0	8.8	7.3
Sioux	1,330	1,310	1,363	1,252	1,218	1,253	78	92	110	5.9	7.0	8.1
REGION 7 TOTAL	68,345	66,686	67,623	62,498	60,314	62,059	5,847	6,372	5,564	8.6	9.6	8.2
Adams	1,866	1,791	1,826	1,781	1,715	1,762	85	76	64	4.6	4.2	3.5
Billings	756	694	715	716	657	681	40	37	34	5.3	5.3	4.8
Bowman	2,358	2,264	2,365	2,196	2,105	2,222	162	159	143	6.9	7.0	6.0
Dunn	2,204	2,050	2,166	1,980	1,798	1,955	224	252	211	10.2	12.3	9.7
Golden Valley	1,185	1,114	1,151	1,104	1,004	1,093	81	110	58	6.8	9.9	5.0
Hettinger	2,189	2,054	2,131	2,034	1,881	2,005	155	173	126	7.1	8.4	5.9
Slope	551	523	550	480	435	502	71	88	48	12.9	16.8	8.7
Stark	13,109	12,814	12,852	11,549	11,339	11,702	1,560	1,475	1,150	11.9	11.5	8.9
REGION 8 TOTAL	24,218	23,304	23,756	21,840	20,934	21,922	2,378	2,370	1,834	9.8	10.2	7.7
STATE TOTAL	343,241	333,843	334,785	318,144	306,895	311,728	25,097	26,948	23,057	7.3	8.1	6.9

**LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S**

	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent Change From	
				Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,929	118,900	116,958	-0-	1.7
Employment	110,587	110,481	108,574	0.1	1.9
Unemployment	8,342	8,419	8,384	-0.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.1%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	343,240	333,850	334,790	2.8	2.5
Employment	318,140	306,900	311,730	3.7	2.1
Unemployment	25,100	26,950	23,060	-6.9	8.8
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	8.1%	6.9%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,030	82,510	80,760	1.8	4.0
Employment	79,700	77,990	76,770	2.2	3.8
Unemployment	4,330	4,520	3,990	-4.2	8.5
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.5%	4.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,140	35,690	34,270	1.3	5.5
Employment	34,590	33,980	32,740	1.8	5.7
Unemployment	1,550	1,710	1,530	-9.4	1.3
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.8%	4.5%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,100	45,450	44,970	1.4	2.5
Employment	42,460	41,450	41,490	2.4	2.3
Unemployment	3,640	4,000	3,480	-9.0	4.6
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	8.8%	7.7%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

**BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MARCH 1986
(In Thousands)**

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	333.9	339.5	2,225.0	398.1
Employment	306.9	321.9	2,064.3	361.5
Unemployment	27.0	17.6	160.7	36.6
Unemployment Rate	8.1	5.2	7.2	9.2

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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